

British Carbon Reduction Forges Ahead

The British carbon initiative outlined within the Climate Change Act of 2008 is getting a lot of attention worldwide as it is the first legislative approach of its kind. The British have been very forward reaching in this area and do not intend to throttle back at anytime in the near future.

The Climate Change Act prompted the UK government to outline its aims for the future. British carbon initiatives plan "to improve carbon management and help the transition towards a low carbon economy in the UK and to demonstrate strong UK leadership internationally, signaling that we are committed to taking our share of responsibility for reducing global emissions in the context of developing negotiations on a post-2012 global agreement at Copenhagen next year."

Even though there is a post-Kyoto protocol agreement in the works, expected to come in sometime during 2012, British carbon reduction plans have nonetheless been pushed forward aggressively. Experts and environmentalists have shown that the overall threat to the climate is getting worse and it is necessary to take aggressive action as soon as possible.

Part of the Climate Change Act calls for a carbon budgeting system to be established, with each project set to run over a five-year period. The government plans to map out its course up to the year 2050, by which time it will have expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 80%. The first three carbon budgets run between 2008 and 2022.

It will be interesting to see if British carbon legislators place their own initiatives ahead of any pending international actions. They have said that they "have regard to the need for UK domestic action on climate change."

Hardly had the ink become dry on the Climate Change Act 2008, than the Carbon Reduction Commitment was signed. This put in place the first legislative emissions trading scheme, requiring mandatory participation and introducing economic incentives for organizations to reduce the size of a carbon footprint.

While it is anticipated that only 5,000 organizations will be forced to participate in the UK's cap and trade scheme to address carbon emissions and climate change, these companies are considerable contributors to the problem, as they are by definition consumers of large amounts of electricity independently. It'll be interesting to see how market forces can control a gradual decline in carbon pollution.

British carbon reduction plans are not alone as legislators in the United States are looking with keen interest at this development. Similar legislation is on the cards to implement a cap and trade system within the US, but it seems that this action will not be as sweeping as a considerable process of delay and debate is already apparent.

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